(b) to (d) Andhra Pradesh Government has evinced interest in developing restaurant at Borraguhalu on Railway land. However, as the land asked for is earmarked for developmental works in connection with Railway operations, State Government has been advised that it would not be possible to spare the said land.

Terms and Conditions of Bookstall Agreements on Railways

5154. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the terms and conditions of all the bookstall agreements on all Indian Railways (including M/s. A.H. Wheeler & Co.) are equal.

(b) if not, what are the complete details of differences thereof; and

(c) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to remove all the discrepancies in terms and conditions of the agreements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The renewal of bookstall agreement for a period of 9 years w.e.f. 1.1.1967 was granted to M/s. A.H. Wheeler & Co., and M/s. Higginbothams Ltd., in view of the their past background. In case of other bookstalls, licence is renewed after every 5 years, which is in line with other catering/vending licences on Indian Railways.

(c) While licence fee at the rate of 4% of sales turnover is being charged from M/s. A.H. Wheeler & co. and M/ s. Higginbothams, in case of book stalls of pholanthropic societies and other categories zonal Railways decide their licence fee, which is subject to minimum of 2-1/2% of sales turnover and Rs. 750/- per stall per annum respectively.

(d) No, Sir.

Authorities of SER Hotel, Puri, Convicted by Court

5155. SHRI SHIBU SOREN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the authorities of South-Eastern Railway Hotel, Puri have been convicted by the court for violation of the Prevention and Control of Pollution Act, 1974;